(vi) Constant emphasis on States/UT to: (a) Ensure regular supply of supplementary nutrition as per schematic norms and (b) Ensure delivery of other services *viz.* immunization, health check-up, referral services, nutrition and health education and pre-primary education through effective convergence with the Schemes/Programmes of Ministry of Health, Education and Rural Development (Drinking Water Supply).

(vii) Strengthen the existing monitoring and supervision mechanism for ICDS Scheme by setting up of a Central Monitoring Unit (CMU) at National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) which would monitor the Scheme through independent professional organization/institution in each State/UT. This would be in addition to the monitoring mechanism in place at present.

(viii) A National level Monitoring Committee has been set up under the Chairpersonship of MOS(WCD) to oversee the entire functioning of ICDS Scheme and to ensure that the services are delivered to the target groups in an effective manner and the objectives of the scheme are fullfilled within the overall framework of the ICDS Scheme.

As a result of the measures mentioned above, number of operational Projects and AWCs has gone up from 4608 and 5.45 lakh as on 31.3.2002 to 5724 and 7.81 lakh respectively as on 30.9.2006. Number of beneficiaries of supplementary nutrition has also gone up from 375.09 lakh to 654.65 lakh during the same period.

Comprehensive legislation for judicial reforms

*14. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state whether instead of going ahead with the proposed Judges Enquiry Bill, 2006 as an isolated legislation for ensuring accountability alongwith independence of the judiciary, Government will consider a legislation covering all issues relevant to judicial reforms, such as, establishment of an All India Judicial Service, appointment of judges of the Supreme Court and High Court, etc., and include enquiry into allegation of misbehaviour or incapacity against judges as part of this comprehensive legislation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government for the present.

Foreign education providers in the country

*15. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign education providers permitted to open campuses in the country for higher education and on what terms and conditions;

(b) whether degree awarded by these education providers would be recognised by Government; and

(c) the cities where such campuses would be established?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No foreign education provider has been permitted to open any campus in the country for higher education.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inquiry into Nithari murders

*16. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE :
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central panel inquiring into the Nithari murders has submitted its report and has suggested widening the scope of the investigation to cover possibilities including organ trade sexual exploitation and has recommended certain measures to avoid such incidents in future;

(b) if so, whether her Ministry has examined the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) if so, whether the suggestions made in the report has been forwarded to the CBI for further investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c)